Greetings! I am pleased to be serving as the new chairperson of the Racial and Ethnic Minorities Division. By now you will have received the call for papers for next year’s conference that will be held in New York. The session organizers and program committee have been working hard to create a program that reflects the mission of our organization of the theme of this year’s conference: Research Matters: Creating Knowledge, Policy, and Justice. I would like to encourage everyone to take a look at the call and submit papers for presentation.

This year the division is co-sponsoring ten sessions in addition to our solo-sponsored session. The topics range from issues of education, immigration, health, sexuality, media and more. This promises to be a rich conference that explores the current research of our division members.

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Upcoming Conference
Teaching and Learning Race and Ethnicity in Higher Education:

Problems and Approaches (March 16-17, 2007, St. Francis College, Brooklyn Heights, New York). Spon-

sored by St. Francis College and the Centre for the Study of Anthropology, Sociology, and Politics at the University of Birmingham, UK. This two-day conference will feature panels on the problems of and approaches to teaching race and ethnicity in higher education. Teachers from across the disciplines are encouraged to participate in this international event, specifically devoted to discovering how we teach race, how students learn the topic, and how to get both tasks done more effectively. A major goal is to promote discussion and Cont. on pg 2...
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interaction throughout all panels and interaction throughout all panels and working groups, in the hope of generating greater cooperation among scholars interested in this growing area. We have several confirmed speakers specializing in the realities of teaching race in both the UK and the USA, thereby creating an exciting opportunity for future collaboration between British and American colleagues. All events will take place at St. Francis College. Plenary and keynote speakers to be announced. All panels, lectures, and working groups are free and open to the public; however, pre-registration is required. To find out more information or to register, please contact:

Professor Emily Horowitz
(Department of Sociology, St. Francis College) at ehorowitz@stfranciscollege.edu or at +1.718-489-5446.

Graduate Student Paper Competition

The Racial and Ethnic Minorities Division invites papers that cover any aspect within the field of race and ethnic relations. Papers may be empirical or theoretical. To be eligible, a paper must have been written in 2006, may not have been accepted for publication, or currently under review. Papers which have been presented at previous meetings or conferences are eligible. Papers must be single authored by the student. Papers must not exceed 25 pages, including notes, tables, and references. Papers should be accompanied by a cover letter specifying their submission as consideration for the graduate student paper competition to:

Melinda Messineo
Department of Sociology
Ball State University
Muncie, IN 46306;
W: 765-285-5530;
messine@bsu.edu

The winner will be announced in spring of 2007 and will receive a $150 stipend and a ticket to the SSSP awards banquet at the annual meeting. Deadline is March 15, 2007.

Call for Paper

We are happy to report that the Call for Papers is available online, http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/267.

This year, papers or extended abstracts (2-3 page summary of the intended presentation) for presentations at division sponsored sessions MUST be sent electronically via our online submission cover sheet to session organizers no later than midnight (EST) on January 31, 2007. You may review the online submission form at the following: http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/268. Authors may not submit the same paper or extended abstract to more than one session organizer with this form. Authors may submit more than one paper or extended abstract; however, only one sole-authorship paper is permitted per participant (without an accompanying co-authored paper).
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### 2007 Co-Sponsored Sessions

**Session 1:** The National Identity and Racial Identity Debate: Implications of Research for Organizing and Action - **THEMATIC**
Organizer: Juanita Diaz Cotto  
W: 607-777-4916; companeras1994@yahoo.com

**Session 4:** New Immigrant Communities (Community Research and Development and Racial and Ethnic Minorities)
Organizer: Theo Majka  
W: 937-229-4147; theo.majka@notes.udayton.edu

**Session 18:** NYC, Race, and Crime (Crime and Juvenile Delinquency; Law and Society; and Racial and Ethnic Minorities)
Organizer: Cary Federman  
W: 973-655-7897; federmanc@mail.montclair.edu

**Session 24:** Mapping Educational Training Across the Ages: Institutional Ethnographies Spanning Schooling from Childhood to Adulthood - **THEMATIC** (Educational Problems and Institutional Ethnography)
Organizer: Lois Andre-Bechely  
W: 323-343-6271; loisab@calstatela.edu

**Session 25:** Leave No College Student Behind: Race and Class Issues in Higher Education (Educational Problems; Poverty, Class, and Inequality; and Racial and Ethnic Minorities)
Organizer: Buffy Smith  
W: 651-962-5697; bsmith@stthomas.edu

**Session 26:** Education at the Crossroads: Failures and Successes of the U.S. Educational System for Racial and Ethnic Minorities - **THEMATIC** (Educational Problems and Racial and Ethnic Minorities)
Organizer: Amilcar Shabazz  
W: 205-348-2532; amilcar@bama.ua.edu

**Session 27:** New Immigrants, New Scholarship: The Education of Eastern Europeans in the United States Today (Educational Problems and Racial and Ethnic Minorities)
Organizer: Maja Miskovic  
W: 630-874-4274; maja.miskovic@nl.edu

**Session 38:** Globalization, Immigration and the Changing Nature of Work (Global; Labor Studies; and Racial and Ethnic Minorities)
Organizer: Stephen J. Sills  
W: 336-334-5295; sjsills@uncg.edu

**Session 45:** Creating Knowledge for Racial Justice in Health (Health, Health Policy, and Health Services and Racial and Ethnic Minorities)
Organizer: Edna Viruell-Fuentes; eviruell@hsph.harvard.edu

**Session 52:** Inter-sextions: Race, Class and Sexuality (Poverty, Class, and Inequality; Racial and Ethnic Minorities; and Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities)
Organizer: Juanita Diaz Cotto  
W: 607-777-4916; companeras1994@yahoo.com

**Session 53:** Teaching About Race and Ethnicity (Racial and Ethnic Minorities and Teaching Social Problems)
Organizer: Ione DeOlllos  
W: 765-285-5470; idoolllos@bsu.edu

**Session 54:** Images of Race and Ethnicity in Youth Oriented Media (Racial and Ethnic Minorities and Youth, Aging, and Life Course)
Organizer: Melinda Messineo  
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Dear SSSP members,

You are invited to submit material for the forthcoming Racial and Ethnic Minorities Division Newsletter. Submission due by June 1, 2007. Here are some ideas of what to submit (it is not an exhaustive list by any means):

- Book reviews, Calls for papers, Biographies, Pictures, New publication and brief bio, Job postings, Conferences, News about members, Social functions, or any other suggestions or ideas.

In our next edition we would like to highlight the activities and accomplishments of some of our division members. Send us an email and let us know your accomplishments or your colleague's accomplishments.

Send material to Dr. Juanita Diaz-Cotto at companeras1994@yahoo.com.

January 2007

ASA Instructor’s Resource Guide On Social Problems

Walter F. Carroll (Bridgewater State College) and Lutz Kaelber (University of Vermont) are compiling the fourth edition of the ASA Instructor’s Resource Guide on Social Problems. They welcome course syllabi, class exercises and assignments, online resources, examinations and evaluation instruments, computer software and film reviews, and essays on pedagogical challenges and opportunities involved in teaching Social Problems courses. Please send pertinent materials, as attachments in MS Word format, to Walter Carroll at wcarroll@bridgew.edu.

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Amy Wharton, Editor of Social Problems; Department of Sociology; Washington State University; 14204 NE Salmon Creek Ave; Vancouver, WA 98686; socprobs@vancouver.wsu.edu.

Recommended Books Released in 2004-2007 on: Race, Ethnicity, Gender, and Criminal Justice/Prisons


